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Post-Office Notifications.

A Mail will close.

For Bangkok.—Per *Wilhelm*, To-day, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.

MAILS BY THE "*ORISSA*"

The Contract Packet "*ORISSA*" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April, at 7 A.M., and the Post-Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters. Letters for registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 9 P.M. on the 7th April; Letters, &c., may be posted in the night box from 9 p.m. on the 7th April, until 5 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 5 and 9 A.M. on the 8th April, will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a *Late Fee* of 12 cents.

The Latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 6 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 8 A.M. on the 8th April.

Further, Late Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *via Marseilles*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 8.30 to 9.30 A.M., on payment of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Letters posted after 5 A.M. on the 8th April, will not be forwarded unless the *Late Fee* as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such letters, if posted after 9 P.M. on the 7th April, will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Her Holders will be received at the Window set apart for the purpose on the East side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which prepayment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Insufficiently Stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a fine of One Shilling in addition to the Postage.

Postage-stamps should be placed on the upper right-hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of *Late Fees*, when the stamps or stamps representing the *Late Fee* should be placed on the lower left hand corner.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance No. I of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coins but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 25th March, 1868.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the Notification of the 12th February, 1866, by which the transmission of Patterns or Samples of Merchandize sent through the United Kingdom to Belgium irrespective of their weight was authorized, it is now notified that such Packets or Samples must not in future exceed Eight ounces in weight.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1868.

It is hereby notified for general information that under the provisions of a new Postal Convention which has been concluded with the United States Post Office, the rates of postage chargeable upon Correspondence from Hongkong forwarded through the United Kingdom to the United States of America will henceforth be as follows, viz:—

FOR A LETTER.

Vid SOUTHAMPTON.

Under ½ oz.	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 1½ oz.	Above 1½ oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	For every additional ½ oz.
Cents. 53	Cents. 68	Cents. 1.02	Cents. 1.20	Cents. 34

Vid MARSEILLES.

Under 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 1½ oz.	Above 1½ oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	Above 2 oz. and not exceeding 2½ oz.	For every additional ½ oz.
Cents. 42	Cents. 84	Cents. 1.26	Cents. 1.68	Cents. 60

Book Packets and Patterns may also be forwarded in future from Hongkong to the United States by way of the United Kingdom. The postage on such Packets will be as follows, viz:—

FOR A BOOK PACKET OR A PACKET OF PATTERNS.

Vid SOUTHAMPTON.

Under 8 oz.	Above 8 oz. and not exceeding 12 oz.	Above 12 oz. and not exceeding 16 oz.	Above 16 oz. and not exceeding 20 oz.	For every additional 4 oz.
Cents. 14	Cents. 28	Cents. 55	Cents. 66	Cents. 14

Vid MARSEILLES.

Under 8 oz.	Above 8 oz. and not exceeding 12 oz.	Above 12 oz. and not exceeding 16 oz.	Above 16 oz. and not exceeding 20 oz.	For every additional 4 oz.
Cents. 16	Cents. 36	Cents. 51	Cents. 72	Cents. 18

For a Newspaper or Price Current *via* Southampton, 6 Cents.

For a Newspaper or Price Current *via* Marseilles, 8 Cents.

Prepayment of the postage is compulsory in each case.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, AND SOUTHAMPTON.

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "*ORISSA*," Captain HALL, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April, 1868, at 7 A.M.

Cargo and Parcels will be received on board until noon, and Specie until 4 P.M. on the 7th April.

For Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong. CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents, with the Bills of Lading or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Fine which may happen from the incorrectness in such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 25th March, 1868.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

THROUGH U.S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.

STEAMERS will leave Hongkong for Yokohama and San Francisco, as follows—

Great Republic, Capt. DOANE, on or about April 15
China LAVE, May 23
Costa Rica will leave Shanghai on or about same dates, connecting with above-named steamers at Yokohama.

Passengers ticketed through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, the Atlantic States, and to England or France, both *via* New York, and by lines from Panama and Aspinwall. Return tickets issued at a reduction of 10 per cent. upon the whole amount for the round voyage.

Connections are made at Panama with Steam lines upon the west coast of Central and South America, at Aspinwall with the Royal West India Mail Line, West India and Pacific Steamship Co. (limited), and the French Transatlantic Co.; and, at New York, with the various lines to Europe. Tickets issued for following Steamship lines, Cunard, National General Transatlantic Co., New York and Havre Steamship Co., Hamburg American Packet Co., New York and Bremen Steamship Co., and North German Lloyds.

Favorable arrangements have been made for through Passengers and Freight to America from Calcutta, Penang, and Singapore, and from Bombay, Aunoy, and Foochow.

Through Bills of Lading given for Freight to Ports of Mexico, and on the West Coast of Central and South America (sea far as Valparaiso), for New York, Liverpool, Southampton, and St. Nazaire, France.

For further information apply at the Agency of the Company, *Penang Wharf*.

G. P. BOWMAN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, 29th February, 1868.

Arrivals.

Apr. 6, ATREYDA, Brit. bk., 457, C. H. Bisbee, Bangkok, 13th February, 10,000 piculs Rice.—CAPTAIN.

Apr. 7, SAN LORENZO, Span. bg., 220, Lobesana, Manila, 29th March, General.—RENDRICS & Co.

Apr. 7, M. W. SAXE, Dan. bk., 304, Arentzen, Shanghai, 2nd April, JOHN BURD & Co.

Apr. 7, H.I.M. g.b. SCORPION, 320, Haigier, Saigon, March 31st.

Apr. 7, CALEDONIA, from Whampoa.

Apr. 7, SANKA, Brit. sh., 707, Jones, Saigon, 29th March, Rice.—BIRLEY & Co.

Apr. 8, YESSO, Brit. str., 580, C. Ashton, Foochow, 5th April, Amoy, 6th, and Swatow, 7th, General and Treasure.—D. LAPRAIK & Co.

Departures.

Apr. 7, ANNE, for Saigon.

Apr. 7, ADELINE, for Saigon.

Apr. 7, SALACIA, for Saigon.

Apr. 7, BENJAMIN, str., for Shanghai.

Apr. 7, YOKUNG, str., for Manila.

Apr. 8, ORISSA, str., for Bombay, &c.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, APRIL 7TH.

Salacia, for Saigon.

Passengers.

For *San Lorenzo*, from Manila.—
Mr. Cordes.

Per *M. W. Saxe*, from Shanghai.—
1 European and 2 Chinese.

Per *Service*, from Saigon.—
Mr. Cashman.

Per *Yesso*, str., from East Coast.—
1 cabin Chinese, and 30 deck.

The following passengers proceeded by the P. & O. Steam-ship *Orissa*, to-day, at 7 A.M.

FIRST CLASS.

For SOUTHAMPTON.—Mr. Wm. Howard.

For MARSEILLES.—Messrs. F. W. Gisbert, R. Lyall, J. W. Broadbent, C. Blanark, J. S. Gooch, Pasker, Eyo.

For BOMBAY.—Mr. D. Pestonjee and servant.

SECOND CLASS.

For SOUTHAMPTON.—Messrs. Rogers, W. Styles, J. Morris, R. Dyston, Phillips and one Chinese deck.

For MARSEILLES.—Don Jose de Rebagamy.

Reports.

The British ship *Service* reports having experienced light Easterly winds the most of the passage, with occasional calms.

The British steamer *Yesso* reports having had thick rainy weather throughout the passage. Passed the steamer *Formosa* on that vessel was entering the River Min.

AMOY SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mch. 19, Colonda, from Soerabaya
24, F. Beck, from Shanghai
27, Fromm, from Chefoo

DEPARTURES.

Mch. 14, Activ, for Batavia
14, Australie, for Takao
14, Hindu, for Takao
15, Ocean, for Taiwanfoo
18, Amoy Trader, for Nagasaki
18, Commodore, for Bangkok
19, Cadoran, for Singapore
19, Isabella, for Manila
20, Asuncion, for Manila
27, Kim-Joo-Hong, for Samarang
31, F. Beck, for Taiwanfoo
Apr. 2, Fromm, for Takao

FOOCHOW SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mch. 3, Kaisow, from Shanghai
5, Maitland, from do

DEPARTURES.

Mch. 6, Enterprise, for Keelung
11, Nazarene, for Shanghai
13, Feige, for Chefoo
15, Kadosh, for Shanghai

NINGPO SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

Mch. 16, Edith Haviland, from Takao
21, Adeline, from Tobler
25, Caroline, from Bangkok
26, Martha, from Canton

DEPARTURES.

Mch. 23, Meleeta, for Takao
23, Edith Haviland, for Takao
27, Adeline, for Shanghai
30, Martha, for Newchwang

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mch. 30, Emma, from Hoilo via Chinkiac
30, Kaisow, from Yokohama
30, Emily Winn, from Cardiff
31, Gounsor, from Chefoo
31, Maitland, from Foochow

DEPARTURES.

Mch. 28, Leander, for Foochow
28, Loesley, for Taiwan
28, M. W. Saxe, for Hongkong
28, Sylvia, for Tientsin
29, Gliding Star, for Chefoo
29, Mogi, for Tientsin
30, Moppe, for Newchwang
30, Claro Babingay, for Cebu
30, Aunt Lizzie, for Hongkong

YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.

Mch. 14, U.S.S. Monocacy, from Hiogo
14, Evelyn, from London
16, Washington, from Cruise
17, Fei Ku, str., from Saigon
18, M.I. str. Phase, from Shanghai
18, St. George, from Cruise
19, Ellen Hood, from New York
21, Aden, str., from Shanghai
23, Argonaut, from Hiogo
23, *Zweigebruder*, from Hongkong
25, Elva Shaw, from London
25, Vulcan, from Hiogo

DEPARTURES.

Mch. 12, Cadiz, str., for Shanghai
15, Despatch, for Hiogo
18, Rosamunda, for Shanghai
19, Rover, for Hiogo
20, M.I. str. Phase, for Shanghai
21, Three Brothers, for Cruise
24, Washington, for Cruise

Auction Sales To-day.

BOWRA & Co.
Bengal Raw Cotton.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, having purchased the Interest of the WANCHI STEAM BAKERY, begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and Kowloon that he is prepared to furnish Daily Supplies of SOFT BREAD, in various forms, to any part of the Colony.

Also, SHIP BREAD of best quality and at low rates, constantly on hand, or baked in quantities at short notice.

Also, WATER, BUTTER, SODA and SUGAR BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound.

Also, CORN and BYE MEAL, HOMINY, CORN STARCH, BI-CARB SODA, SALERATUS and CREAM OF TARTAR.

FLOUR of best Brands constantly on hand, supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or Pound.

CAKES of all kinds baked to order.

The above is under the Superintendence of Mr. JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders forwarded to him, at the Bakery—or left at Messrs. THOS. HUNT & Co.'s, will receive prompt attention.

L. P. WARD.

5m 333 Hongkong, 17th February, 1868.

Banks.

THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 30th *August*, 1851.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
RESERVED FUND, £444,000.

Court of Directors.

HARRY George Gordon, Esq., *Chairman.*
WILLIAM Scott Bibby, Esq., Deputy-Chairman.
James Blyth, Esq.
Duncan James Kay, Esq.
J. Binny Kay, Esq.
Alexander Mackenzie, Esq.
Lestock Robert Reid, Esq.
James Walker, Esq.
Charles J. F. Stuart, Esq., Chief-Manager.

Bankers.

The Bank of England.
The Union Bank of London.

Agents in Scotland.

National Bank of Scotland.
Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Agent in Edinburgh.

R. Dundas Cay.
23, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh.

Agents in Ireland.

Provincial Bank of Ireland.
The National Bank.

Head Office.

Transmissible Street, London, E.C.

Branches and Agencies.

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PONDICHERRY, KURRACHEE, COLOMBO, POINT DE GALLE, MAURITIUS, MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, SINGAPORE, FOOCHOW, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

The Corporation receive Money on Deposit repayable on Demand, upon which no Interest is allowed. Current Accounts are kept with Firms and Individuals, free of Commission.

Money is also received on Fixed Deposit, repayable at Twelve, Six, and Three Months' notice. Rates of Interest may be known on application either at the office of the Corporation or by letter addressed to the Manager.

Notice of withdrawal may be given at the time of deposit.

The Corporation discount Bills and Notes payable in Hongkong, having at least two approved names transacted in general partnership and they advance upon Bullion and Merchandize, not of a perishable nature, in the custody of the Bank.

Exchange.

The Corporation grant Drafts on the Bank of England payable on demand, on the Union Bank of London at Four or Six Months' sight, and on the Head office at shorter sight.

Circular Notes for the use of Travellers are issued, negotiable in all places of importance throughout the world, instead of Twenty-five Cents upon each individual share as formerly.

Drafts are granted on the several Branches and Agencies of the Corporation, as above, at the Bank of the day, and on the proper advices being furnished will be forwarded direct to the Payees by the Corporation.

Bills payable in Europe or in any of the above places are purchased or remitted for collection.

Approved Bills payable in San Francisco are also purchased by the Corporation, and drafts granted, at rates of exchange equivalent to those ruling on London, on Bills of Exchange on San Francisco, or the Atlantic Ports, will likewise be remitted for collection, at the option of Constituents.

All cheques or orders to be made payable to "The Oriental Bank Corporation."

Information as to the rules of business may be had at the Office, or on application by letter to the Manager.

Office hours 10 to 3, Saturday 10 to 1.

JAMES BERWICK, *Acting Manager.*

246 Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £750,000.

With power to increase to £1,500,000.

Reserve Fund, £145,962 14s. 8d.

Head Office—No. 65, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

George Carden Nicol, Esq., *Chairman.*
Donald Larnach, Esq.
George May, Esq.
Sir Frederick J. Halliday.
James M. Robertson, Esq.
Ellis James Gilman, Esq.
David Trail Robertson, Esq.—*Chief-Manager.*

LONDON BANKERS.

Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. Clarke, Sons, & Rawlins, Coleman St.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. Coleman, Turquand, Youngs & Co.

Public Accountants.

J. Smith, Esq., of Messrs. W. Nicol & Co., Bombay.

James Joseph Mackenzie, Esq., late of Messrs. Dent & Co., China.

Branches and Agencies.

Bombay.
Calcutta.
Madras.
Colombo
Kandy.
Galle.
Singapore.
Penang.
Foochow.
Shanghai.
Yokohama.
Hankow.
Mauritius.
Saigon.
Batavia.

EDINBURGH DEPOSIT AGENCY, 128, George Street.—
CHARLES PEARSON, Esq., C.A.—Agent.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Current Deposits.—Accounts are kept on which no interest is allowed and no charge made for collecting Bills, Cheques, &c.

Fixed deposits.—Are received viz:—
Repayable at 12 months' ..... 6% per annum.
" at 6 " ..... 5% per annum.

The Bank discounts Local Bills, and Notes payable in Hongkong having at least two approved names unconnected in general partnership, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Exchange.

The Bank issues drafts on its London Office, and on the London Joint Stock Bank at four months' sight, also on its Branches above; and Agencies in Scotland, Ireland, Melbourne, Sydney, and Towns in Australia, New Zealand, &c., and grants Circular Notes for the use of travellers negotiable in all Towns of importance throughout the world.

Bills payable in Europe or in any of the above mentioned places are purchased or remitted for collection.

Further information as to the rules of business may be obtained at the office, or on application by letter to the Manager.

Office hours—10 to 3, Saturday 10 to 1.

WILLIAM JACKSON, *Manager.*

3, Queen's Road, 24th July, 1867.

NOTICE.

THIS is hereby intimated to underwriters, owners and masters of sailing vessels bound to or from any of the Ports in China or Japan, that from the 15th of February next the Dutch Paddle Steamer *Rehm Dilen* will be stationed at the South entrance of Banka Straits, close to Lucipara Island, to tow and pilot vessels through the narrows of the Lucipara Passage, as a fixed Tariff of—

£25 for ships drawing under 15 feet water.
£40 " above 15 "

It needs hardly to be mentioned that by the facility thus provided, vessels coming from or going to China, will be enabled to avoid the dangers of Gaspar Straits, where so many casualities have occurred in late years.

Masters of Ships desiring to avail of this steamer, are requested to show their assign on the maintop.

P. LANDBERG & ZOON, *Agents.*
E. OORT, *Master.*

Batavia, January, 1868. [2m 545

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000 of Dollars

Court of Directors:—

Chairman—GEORGE J. HELLAND, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—GEORGE F. BEARD, Esq.
W. H. Forster, Jr., Esq. | James B. Taylor, Esq.
Sol. D. Sassoon, Esq. | A. Alant, Esq.
William Keswick, Esq. | James P. Duncanson, Esq.
Julius Mendl, Esq.

Managers:—

Hongkong—Victor Kresser, Esq.
Shanghai—Chief Manager.
Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.

London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum.
6 " 3 " "
12 " 4 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*

Offices of the Corporation.

Wardley House, No. 1, Queen's Road.
if 1062 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1868.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say $7.50 per paid-up Share of $125, and $1.50 per Share on which $25 have been paid, is payable on and after MONDAY, the 17th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, Wardley House, *Queen's Road*, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors.
VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.

if 313 Hongkong, 14th February, 1868.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fee on the transfer of Shares in the Corporation will henceforth be *One Dollar* for each Certificate issued, instead of Twenty-five Cents upon each individual share as formerly.

VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.

if 497 Hongkong, 12th March, 1868.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take Notice that the Fourth Call of Two Hundred Dollars is made in two Instalments of One Hundred Dollars each per share. First of which will fall due on the 15th of March, and the Second on the 30th of April Next, and will be payable at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, *Queen's Road*, Hongkong, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per centum per annum will be charged after the above dates.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. B. ENDICOTT,
Secretary.

if 178 Hongkong, 27th January, 1868.

HONGKONG LIGHTERING AND STORAGE COMPANY.

THE above Company are now prepared to LAND or SHIP CARGO in First-class Boats, and to take the entire discharge of ships, by contract, &c., to store Goods in Fire-class Granite Godowns, at moderate rates.

J. S. HOOK, SON & Co.,
Managers.

if 2060 Hongkong, 18th December, 1867.

SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE

HOLDERS of Certificates of Shares in the SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, are requested to send them to the Agents of the Company, to be replaced by Receipts representing the amount of the old shares, and the stock dividend added, pending the issue of New Share Certificates.

ROWLEY MILLER.
Secretary and Auditor.

if 426 Shanghai, 24th February, 1868.

KELUNG COAL COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to supply Steamers and Vessels with the best FORMOSA COAL at current rates, or to deliver the same on Tender to any port in China.

The company having always a large quantity in store, vessels will not be subjected to any unnecessary delay.

DODD & Co.,
Agents.

if 281 Kelung, 9th January, 1868.

NOTICE.

RENTS and ACCOUNTS COLLECTED with despatch, and
DISTRAINT WARRANTS FOR RENT issued and executed.

Security, if required.
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
53 *Wyndham Street.*

if 339 Hongkong, 16th February, 1868.

NOTICE.

RENTS and Accounts collected with punctuality and dispatch,
And,
Destraint Warrants for Rent issued and executed.

Security, if required,
H. J. RODRIGUES,
33 *Bridges Street.*

1m 518 Hongkong, 14th March, 1868.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE of the Undersigned has been REMOVED to No. 15, *Praya Central*, opposite Messrs. D. LAPRAIK & Co.'s STEAMER WHARF.

if 6631 CARLOWITZ & Co.

NOTICE.

THE Office of the Agency of P. M. S. S. COMPANY is REMOVED to *Praya West*, next door below HARBOR MASTER'S Office.

GEO. F. BOWMAN,
Agent.

if 2494 Hongkong, 29th October, 1867.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for this Port for the Liverpool Underwriters' Association.

GILMAN & Co.

1m 427 Hongkong, 7th March, 1868.

MR. JOHN CLARK,

ARCHITECT and Civil Engineer. (Member, Institute of Civil Engineers, London, and Fellow, Royal Institute of British Architects) Offices, 3 *Alexandra Terrace*, Hongkong.

3m 572 Hongkong, 24th March, 1868.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE above HOTEL is now open, where Residence and Gentlemen can find superior accommodation.

Private Rooms for Dinner parties.
Breakfast, from 9 to 10 A.M.
Tiffin, " 1 to 2 P.M.
Dinner, " 7 P.M.

N.B.—The Public Bar was opened on SATURDAY, the 7th instant.

468 Hongkong, 9th March, 1868.

Auctions.

BOWRA & Co.

WILL sell by Public Auction, by order and at the Godowns of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.—*Reid Point.*

THIS DAY,
the 8th April, 1868, at Noon,
(For account of the concerned.)
655 Bales Bengal Raw COTTON.
(Cash before delivery.)
And
88 Bales Bengal Raw COTTON.
(More or less Damaged by Sea Water).

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

647 Hongkong, 4th April, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,
the 9th April, 1868, at Noon,
At the "CONTINENTAL HOTEL," Praya,
THE FURNITURE AND FIXTURES of the above Hotel consisting of Dining and Drawing-room CHAIRS, COUCHES, Round and Square TABLES, Dining TABLES, Card and Side TABLES, MIRRORS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERYWARE, PLATED WARE, CUTLERY, SOFAS, BEDSTEADS, complete, &c. &c. &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

685 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

RAT & Co. will sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,
the 8th April, 1868, at Noon,
At No. 4, *West Terrace, Caine Road.*—
Very Handsome HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing Room SUITE in Crimson Red, Damask CURTAINS, Square PIANO, by Steinway, CARPETS, RUGS, White and Gold Dinner SERVICE; Bed Room FURNITURE, including a Mahogany Englished WARDROBE, 7 feet high by 5 feet wide, with Plate Glass Doors, Brass BEDSTEAD, 6 feet by 7 feet, with Spring and Hair MATTRESSES; Marble-Top TABLES, MIRRORS, &c., &c., &c., &c.

And,
An American 4-wheel WAGGONETTE, and Trotting Horse.

Catalogues will be issued.

403 Hongkong, 16th March, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been favoured with instructions from Major T. H. P. KEMPAN, District Barrack Master, to sell by Public Auction, at Crosby's Store, *Queen's Road*, on

SATURDAY,
the 11th instant, at 11 o'clock A.M.
The following Unserviceable Barrack STORES, viz:—

BLANKETS, Bed CASES and SLIPS, Bolster CASES and SLIPS, RUGS, SHEETS, Bed STRAPS, CHAIRS, MATS, FORMS, Hand SCRUBBERS, Tin PLATES and CANS, Hair BROOMS, TUBS, PAILS, &c., &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

682 Hongkong, 8th April, 1868.

BOWRA & Co.

WILL sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,
the 11th April, 1868, at the Premises known as "THE CASTLE," at Noon precisely—
The whole of the Elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and PLATED WARE, comprising: Drawing Room, Bed Room and Dining Room SUITES; Large Size MIRRORS in richly-gilt Frames, a magnificent toned PIANO, by "Collard & Collard," made expressly for this Climate, Stable EQUIPMENTS, including a set of Double HARNESS, Chaff-Cutting MACHINE, BASKET and other CARRIAGES.

A very Select LIBRARY.

A large collection of choice and rare PLANTS and FLOWERS, including very many beautiful specimens of Variegated and other GERANIUMS, CAMELIA, JAPONICA, PINKS, ROSES, &c., &c., handsome Peruvian FLOWER STANDS and POTS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, to be at purchasers' risk upon fall of the hammer.

668 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

BOWRA & Co.

HAVE received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Rooms, on

the 13th April, 1868, at 11 o'clock A.M.,
A quantity of useful HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Iron BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, OIL BEDS, DRAWERS, Handsome Dinner and Dessert SERVICES. A complete Set of Elkington's ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, Oak and Marine SIDEBOARDS, GLASSWARE, Marble-top TABLES, &c., &c., &c.

The property of a Gentleman leaving the Colony.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever to be at purchasers' risk upon fall of the hammer.

669 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Residence of J. C. WHITE, Esq., *Mosque Terrace, on*

And,
WEDNESDAY,
the 15th April, 1868, at Noon,
The whole of that Gentleman's HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—
MIRROR PICTURES, Morocco Covered CHAIRS and COUCHES, Round WHAT-NOT, TABLES, SIDEBOARD, LAMPS, GLASS, CROCKERY WARE, CARPETS, BOOKCASES and BOOKS, DESK, WASHSTAND, Toilet GLASSES, WARDROBES, Iron BEDSTEAD, SILVER-PLATED WARE, &c., &c.

And,
A few cases of Choice SHERRY.

Catalogues will shortly be issued, and the Goods will be on view on the 14th inst.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

683 Hongkong, 8th April, 1868.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGH taught in Six months, and able to Speak it fluently Moderate Terms. Address M. O., *Daily Press* Office.

if 387 Hongkong, 25th February, 1868.

FRENCH AND SPANISH.

A FRENCH Gentleman, lately arrived in this Colony, is ready to give lessons in the above languages.

For particulars, apply to
R. M. G., *Club Lusitano.*

if 511 Hongkong, 18th March, 1868.

FOR SALE.

Ex "Falcon," and other late arrivals.

BASS'S October Brew ALE, in Hogsheads, do. do. do. in Kilderkins.
Barclay's PORTER, in Hogsheads.
Bass's ALE, in Pints and Quarts.
Guinness's STOUT, in Pints and Quarts.
Hennessy's BRANDY.
PORT and SHERRY WINES.

MACEWEN & Co.

146 637 Hongkong, 3rd April, 1868.

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

AN Extraordinary General MEETING, of the Shareholders of the above Company, will be held at the offices of the Company THIS DAY, the 8th April next, at 3 P.M. to take into consideration certain proposed changes in the constitution of the Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers Hongkong Fire In. Co.

84 625 Hongkong, 1st April, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the General MEETING of Members of the HONGKONG CLUB, adjourned from the 25th March, will be held at the CLUB HOUSE THIS DAY, the 8th day of April, at Half-past Five o'clock P.M.

By order
W. J. LOWNDES,
Secretary.

84 650 Hongkong, 6th April, 1868.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE.

MR ROBERT WATSON will assume the duties of Secretary to the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON on the First of April, 1868.

By order of the Directors,
C. D. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

if 596 Hongkong, 26th March, 1868.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SALE.

THE Hull *Celestial*, as she now lies at Aberdeen, in good order, well found, and suitable for a floating store or residence.

For particulars apply to
JNO. S. LAPRAIK,
Secretary.

if 40 Hongkong, 7th January, 1868.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that the portion of *Robinson Road* which lies between *Castle Road* and *Hoolan Road* is CLOSED to the Public from this date, during certain alterations and repairs. By order.

W. WILSON,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1867. tf 292

NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain nor Agents will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the crew of the barque *Nazarino*.

PETER WITTROCK, Captain.

tf 573 Hongkong, 23rd March, 1868.

PORTRAITS.

MR. J. THOMSON is prepared to take PORTRAITS, VIEWS, and other PHOTOGRAPHS.—Rooms, Commercial Bank Building, *Queen's Road.*

tf 598 Hongkong, 16th March, 1868.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, HONGKONG.

TRUSTEES—

The Colonial-Secretary.
The Honourable W. Keswick, Esq.
Geo. Heard, Esq.
The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Company. (ex officio).
W. Stanley Adams, M.D., *Resident Surgeon.*
Mr. Young, *House Surgeon.*
W. Paterson, Esq., *Hon. Treasurer.*

TERMS OF ADMISSION—

1st Class (Private Room), per day		$3.00
2nd "	(2 Bedrooms.)	$2.00
3rd "	Room..... " "	$2.00
	(Public Ward) " "	$0.75

These charges are inclusive of all Medicines and Attendances, but exclusive of Wines or Articles not in the recognised Dietary Table.

All orders for Admission to Hospital must be countersigned by some responsible Person or Persons resident in the Colony.

Patients are also admitted on Deposits at the following rates, renewable one day previous to the amount deposited having been expended.

1st Class	$30.
2nd "	$10.
3rd "	$20.)

By order,
W. PATERSON,
Treasurer.

tf 21 Hongkong, 3rd January, 1868.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons are cautioned not to accept a Foochow Bill of Exchange, No. 394, on Messrs. Russell & Co., of Hongkong, payable to HING-WO-YIK, dated 20th inst., for $1,000) One thousand Dollars, as the same has been lost, and payment thereof stopped. The bill bears the Chinese Stamps HIN-WO-YIK and YEE-TO-CHEONG.

1w 606 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

NOTICE OF TRANSFER.

THE Partners of the TOONG-HOP, No 63, *Queen's Road* East were LEONG-YUE-CHEW, LEE-KAH-KIP, LEONG-NAI-PANG, and LEONG-CHUN-MEW, but on the 30th of March, the first three above mentioned retired from the business, and their interest and responsibility ceased from that day. The Business will in future be carried on as hitherto under the style of TOONG-HOP-WO-KEE by the undersigned. The partnership bond, held by LEE-WAH-KIP has not been delivered, but if it should be found hereafter it will be considered as null and void.

LEONG-CHUN-MEW.

7d 632 Hongkong, 8th April, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs leave to present to the Gentry of Hongkong, his profound respects, and, also to notify to them that he has REMOVED to the New Hotel. He therefore solicits the kind patronage of the community, who may under such circumstances have the condescension of honouring him with a call.

Hair Cutting	$0.75
Shampooing	0.50
Shaving	0.25
Hair Cutting and Shampooing	1.00

W. P. MOORE.

1m 634 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1868.

PROPERTY FOR SALE AT NEW-CHWANG, CHINA.

LOTS No. 2 and No. 3, on the British Concession, lately occupied by Messrs. MAITLAND, BRIER &

Docks.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.—$750,000.
IN 1,500 SHARES, OF $500 EACH.

THE COMPANY'S DOCKS, at ABERDEEN and WHAMPOA, are in full working order, and the attention of Shipowners, Agents and Masters is respectfully solicited to the advantages which these Establishments offer for the Docking and Repairing of Vessels.

The following Description of the Premises is submitted for the information of the Public:—

ABERDEEN DOCKS.
DOCK No. 1.

Built of GRANITE.	
Length	350 feet.
Breadth	80 "
Depth of water at Spring Tides	18½ "
Do. Neap Tides	16 "

NEW DOCK, No. 2.

Built of GRANITE.	
Length	400 feet.
Breadth	90 "
Depth of water at Spring Tides	24½ "
Do. Neap Tides	21½ "

This Dock is now under course of construction.

WHAMPOA DOCKS.
DOCK A.

Built of GRANITE	
Length	550 feet.
Breadth	92 "
Depth of water at Spring Tides	18½ ft 17 "
Do. Neap Tides	13½ ft 15 "

This can be used either as one or two Docks

DOCK B.

Built of GRANITE.	
Length	340 feet.
Breadth	60 "
Depth of water at Spring Tides	18 "
Do. Neap Tides	15 "

The above are the largest Docks in China, and they are fitted with every appliance in the way of Caissons, powerful Steam Pumps, &c., to ensure rapidity and despatch in working.

DOCK C.

Built of GRANITE.	
Length	260 feet.
Depth of water at Spring Tides	14 "
Do. Neap Tides	11 "

Fitted with Caissons and Steam Pumps.

DOCK D.

Length	184 feet.
Depth of water at Spring Tides	26.6 "
Do. Neap Tides	2.0 "

DOCK E.

Length	120 feet.
Depth of water at Spring Tides	11 "
Do. Neap Tides	8 "

D, and *E*, are Mud Docks available for small vessels, at very low rates.

WORKSHOPS.

The Workshops on the Premises, both at Aberdeen and Whampoa, possess every appliance necessary for the Repairs of Ships or Steam Machinery. The Engineers' Shops are supplied with Lathes, Planing, Screwing, Cutting, Punching Machines, &c., &c., capable of executing work on the largest scale and driven by Steam. The Shipwright's and Blacksmith's shops are supplied with a Steam Hammer, and the work is entirely carried under the Supervision of experienced Europeans.

Powerful Vessels are fitted on a *Jetty*, alongside which vessels can lie in 24 feet water, and take in or out boilers, masts, &c.

BOILERMAKER'S DEPARTMENT.

The Company in addition to executing Repairs are prepared to tender for supplying new Boilers to Steam-ships, for constructing which they have great facilities.

FOUNDRY.

Iron and Brass Castings, either for Ships or general purposes, are executed with the utmost despatch.

STORES.

The Company's Stores will (when required) supply at moderate rates all the necessaries for Shipmen, such as Paint, Copper, Oakum, &c.

STEAM TUG.

The Company's powerful Steam TUG *Fame*, (110 Horse-power nominal) is always in readiness to Tow vessels to Docks, free of charge, and will tow them back to anchorage or to sea at reduced Rates.

All Work carried on under the superintendence of experienced Europeans.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office, Pedder's Wharf, Kowa, Hongkong.

By order of the Board,
A. ENDICOTT, *Secretary*.

N.B.—The Consignees or Masters of any Vessel ceasing passen to complain of the Work done in the Docks, or in any way respecting the Dock Arrangements, should without delay bring such subject before their complaints will receive the immediate attention of the Directors of the Company.

30 Hongkong, 31st March, 1868.

DANE'S ISLAND DOCKS, WHAMPOA, CONDUCTED BY
HOW & Co.

ONE Dock, 160 feet long, can take in Vessels drawing 11 feet, at Spring Tides.

One Dock, 160 feet long, can take in Vessels drawing 11 feet at Spring Tides.

There are Houses at both Docks for the accommodation of Captains and Crews of Vessels.

All kinds of Ship and Blacksmith's Work done.

The large Dock pumped out by an Engine.

The Proprietors beg to notify to Merchants, Ship Owners and Captains, that their charges for Docking are lower than any in China.

No Commission charged upon my Metal or Stores supplied by the Ship.

Apply to
JOHN RIACH & Co.,
Hongkong; or to
ALEXR. MORRISON & Co.,
Wampoa, Whampoa.

If Hongkong, 4th September, 1867.

FOOCHOW GRANITE FLOORED DOCK.

THE above DOCK has been in full working order for the last eighteen months, length 300 feet, width at bottom 40 feet, depth of water on the Sill, Springs average 17 feet, Neaps 14 feet.

The charges are as follows: The day of entrance, and no following days. One Maceon Dollar per ton.

In receipt will be charged: beyond that period each day 10 cents per register ton.

LABOR.—European Foreman per day $5.00
Canton " " 1.00
Chinese Carpenter " 75
Foochow " " 35

For further particulars as to the price of Coppering, Docking, &c., apply to

C. P. T. TILLEMAN, Esq., Messrs. DE SILVA & Co., Hongkong.
ROBERT ADAMS, Esq., Messrs. NICHOLSON & SON, Shanghai.
—, the Undersigned.

In connection with the above is the powerful 200 Screw Tug *Woosung*. Vessels requiring her services, either from Hongkong, Whampoa or elsewhere, will find a splendid anchorage with her at the White Dogs, or obtain them at moderate rates, on application to

JOHN C. SKEY, *Manager*.
Pagoda Anchorage, River Min.

No pawnings or chopped coin can be taken, but a discount of 10 per cent will be made on all materials supplied otherwise than by the Dock.

UNDER DISPATCH.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per *Haidee*, To-day, the 8th instant, at Noon.

For Shanghai.—Per *Iyanemoon*, on Friday, the 10th instant, at 10 A.M.

The Chronicle and Directory for 1868.

NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1868 is now ready for Delivery.

Agents for Shanghai and the Out-ports,
MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
The Daily Press Office,

MR. W. H. BELL will in future collect all Subscriptions to the *Daily Press* and *Overland Trade Report*, all BUSINESS relating thereto having been transferred to him.

A. P. BENNETT.
Daily Press Office, 13th March, 1868.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and the last messengers left the office at 11.30.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 8TH, 1868.

RECENT EVENTS.

(From the "Overland Trade Report.")

One difficulty in preparing for the news of China and Japan for European readers, may perhaps with advantage be noticed here, though, as a rule, it is best to fight against it as well as possible without complaining. Reference to it is partly suggested by a notice which appears in one of the northern papers, of a China telegram published in London. This telegram is simply reprinted, with a few introductory words of ridicule, in the Shanghai paper, because it is not necessary to expose its failings for China readers, to whom they must have been sufficiently visible; and it is certainly not worth while to go back upon them now. The fact of the matter is, however, that there is no efficient organization for the collection of native China news. There are no China papers worth the name anywhere but in Hongkong or Shanghai. For events which transpire in other parts of China, even when they are public to the European inhabitants of the nearest open port, the papers are dependant upon private letters or a more or less imperfect, tribute, whatever diplomatic communications of an important character pass between the European ministers and the native government, it is quite likely that they are made public in London before they are known by British residents in China, at all events it is quite impossible that they can be published in time to recall the first news of them home. If they were of a nature which rendered it necessary for the foreign residents to obey any new regulations, they would be published, otherwise it is probable that the diplomatic magnates at the Capital would not deign to take their fellow-countrymen in China into their confidence. Events belonging entirely to Chinese politics, only become public by haphazard. Thus, for example, the recent incursion of rebels into the province of Chihli, which has been very fully noticed of late, would, probably, have been ignored altogether, or noticed only on the strength of a few lines in a commercial letter, if it had not been for the chance that a gentleman much given to writing happened to be at Tientsin at the time, and amused himself by corresponding for a North China paper. As it has turned out, the excitement on the subject was probably needless. Nothing has transpired since the first alarm, and although no doubt the letters from Tientsin faithfully represented the stories there current at the time, and the apprehension of the residents, the whole affair seems to have blown over. Probably people waiting to make up telegrams at Alexandria or Galle about China news will have seized upon these letters from Tientsin with avidity, and have made up messages calculated to read well, but which, when they come out here again in the form of extracts from the letters to which they have related have been forgotten, will have a very extraordinary appearance. More often than not the mail goes home without containing, unless in official despatches of which the outside public is in ignorance, —any news whatever connected with China, or her relations with foreign powers. In each of the settlements where Europeans reside there are always local events interesting to people at home who may be acquainted with the places or persons concerned, but essentially these in telegrams, as now-a-days are apt to be, to misrepresent and exaggerate their importance altogether.

The news by the present mail from the north relating to the outbreak of rebels in Chihli is unimportant. The redoubtable commander-in-chief, Mi-kuo-shan, more commonly known as Li Futai, from the appointment he formerly held, is now said to be at the field against them. "The latest advices concerning the movements are contained in a letter from Tientsin of March the 22nd.

"The situation in Japan is not materially changed. The submission of the Shogoon is said to be more complete, and as Yokohama it was expected that troops belonging to the Mikado would arrive very shortly. Some apprehensions were felt on this score, but if the Shogoon, as is probably the case, has given up all intention of further resistance, it is difficult to see how the arrival of the Mikado's people can give rise to any disturbances. On the contrary, it ought to consolidate the new state of things or tend to restore confidence. This, it will be observed, is the end of a story which came down from Yokohama a few mails ago, about fortifications established in a certain place on the southward of Yedo, on the road from Miako, by Stotshashi. At the time it was said that he had made these preparations, and was going to resist the approach of the Emperor's army. A few weeks elapse and the imaginary fortifications are forgotten, the troops of the Mikado are close to Yedo, Stotshashi is an obedient humble subject and servant. In Japan, even more than in the North of China, persons who try to find out what is really going on are liable to be victimized by false reports, and left in the dark by the official representatives, the only people whose facilities for reaching the truth are much worth having.

At Osaka, indeed, recent events have been of a public character. The outrages committed on the sailors of the *Duplois* has been promptly avenged. Eleven Japanese have been executed, both the Mikado and the Prince of Tosa, in whose territory the crime was committed, showing themselves most anxious to afford the French Minister every satisfaction. How far it is likely that the condemned eleven were really the men who had been guilty of committing the murder, may be left to the reader's consideration. Twenty-two victims were brought out for execution, but only 11 fell under the sword, there is no doubt that it will be declined.

A meeting of the leading statesmen of the Liberal party was held on Monday, Feb. 24, at the residence of Mr. Gladstone, in Carlton-house-terrace. The Duke of Somerset, and finding himself in difficulties and come to an arrangement with all his creditors with the exception of the plaintiff in this present action, who had thought fit to take proceedings against him. He (Mr. Gastrell) had written to Mr. Holmes explaining the utter futility of this course, as the defendant was quite insolvent and would be compelled, if pressed, to take advantage of the protection afforded by the bankruptcy court. In the present instance, however, he would take absence by informing the court that "that woman was a Chinese man's wife she was," and "dare not say anything but what she was told." She was positive that plaintiff had only asked her six dollars a month at first, and told her that if she could not afford to pay this it did not matter.

His Honor, however, looking at the extreme improbability of this statement, and taking into consideration the evidence of the witnesses, gave judgment for the plaintiff. Defendant begged out of his disposal, and in recent times the two posts have been filled by different persons; but Sir Robert Reid was First Lord and Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1835, following the example of Mr. Pitt, and it may not be inconvenient to revive the practice. Whenever Lord Derby was absent, the excessive weakness of his administration in debating power in the House of Lords became painfully apparent, and it will be a matter of common prudence to strengthen the new ministry in this respect. The transfer of any prominent member of the House of Commons to the hereditary Chamber is commonly a tax on the efficiency of the new-made Peer, but when the heir-apparent is summoned in his father's barony the hardship is sensibly diminished. Lord Derby himself sat for several years in the Upper House before he succeeded to the family honours, and the singular destiny of Lord Stanley would be consistently fulfilled were he to lead the House of Lords while continuing to hold the seals of the Foreign Office. Other solutions of a difficulty which must by some means be solved are, however, possible. The political abilities of Lord Cairns are put to little use in his position as an independent supporter of the Ministry, and means may possibly be found of enlisting his services more directly in the ranks of the party; he stirred, when a member of the House of Commons. It is said, indeed, that Lord Chelmsford dares that he maybe relieved of his office upon the accession of the Government. Such changes as have been foreshadowed would scarcely alter the personal composition of the Ministry; nor is it probable that Mr. Disraeli's administration will differ materially from that which was led by Lord Derby."

HANOVERIAN AFFAIRS.

Are we to have a Hanover question? The *Leader* remarks that not only has the vote for the money required to negotiate the Kingdom created much differently between the King of Prussia and his Parliament—not only is it supposed to have made Count Bismarck more than ever indispensable to the existence of the Government—but the Guelph party appears to be about to take a step which will shock, first, a diplomatic explanation as to the passage of a Hanoverian legion through France, and, secondly, a speech from the poor blind ex-King, which could only denote coming disturbance. The first incident took the form of an article in the *Moniteur du Soir*, denying that it was by French leave—in other words, by connivance—that the Hanoverian legion to pass from Switzerland into Alsatia. The emigrants entered spontaneously, and the Court Paris caused

ing his Pauls and his Eustochium to *every* Jerome of our day. But the main loss of power would lie in the family itself. It would be no longer possible to front the political dogmatist of the heart-ring with a social and religious dogmatism as brusque and unreasonable as his own. The balance of power which woman has slowly built up in home would be roughly disturbed, and new forms of social and domestic life would emerge from the chaos of such a revolution. From sweeping changes of this sort the very temper of woman, her innate conservatism, her want of originative power, turns her away. It is more comfortable to bask in the glow of Papal sunshine, to figure in Allocutions from the Vatican as "the pure and shining light of the house," the glory of her husband, the education of her family, a jewel of peace, an emblem of piety; and to let Monsieur Darcy and his insidious Professors alone.

For some years past Lord Brougham has, we understand, been collecting the manuscript letters of himself and his contemporaries, including King William IV., Earl Grey and his Cabinet, &c., with a view to the publication of an autobiography or *mémoires pour servir*. Some differences, however, which have arisen between his lordship and the gentleman—to whom the examination and preparation for the press of the voluminous documents has been intrusted—have, we believe, resulted in postponing the publication of the work.

Mr. Adams, the American minister, will, it is expected, leave England about the middle of April. General M'Clellan has been nominated Mr. Adams' successor. The general is of Scotch descent, and his father was consul-general to the Czar. Lord Clyde. Miss Alicia Campbell, the sister of that gallant field-marshall, having died intestate in December, 1863, General M'Clellan proved himself to be her nearest of kin, and on her to Miss Campbell he will receive that portion of the Bank and Kirwee prize-money which Lord Clyde left to his sister.

A NEW MEDICAL BARONET.—The Queen has signified her intention of conferring a baronetcy on Dr. Jenner, of Hanley-street, the physician who was appointed on the death of Dr. Baly to the post of physician in ordinary to Her Majesty. Dr. Jenner is a distinguished graduate of the University of London, a fellow of the College of Physicians, and of the Royal Society, physician in ordinary to Her Majesty and to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and physician to University College Hospital and the Sick Children's Hospital. Dr. Jenner is regarded by the medical profession as one of the ablest clinical teachers of the present day. He has made many very important contributions to science, notably with reference to the nature of fevers and the diseases of children.

NEWSPAPER STATISTICS.—From the "Newspaper Press Directory" for 1868 we extract the following on the present position of the newspaper press:—"There are now published in the United Kingdom 1,354 newspapers, distributed as follows:—London, 253; Provinces, 751; Wales, 40; Scotland, 132; Ireland, 124; British Isles, 15. Of these there are 53 daily papers published in England, 14 in Wales, 12 in Scotland, 13 in Ireland, and 1 in British Isles. On reference to the edition of this useful Directory for 1858 we find the following interesting facts —viz., that in that year there were published in the United Kingdom 866 journals. Of these 41 papers were issued daily—viz., 29 in England, 3 in Scotland, and 9 in Ireland; but in 1858 there are now established and circulated 1,354 papers, of which no less than 85 are issued *ed daily*, showing that the press of the country has very greatly extended during the last ten years, and more especially as to daily papers; the daily issues standing 85 against 41 in 1858. The magazines now in course of publication, including the quarterly reviews, number 621; of which 218 are of a decidedly religious character, representing the Church of England, Wesleyans, Methodists, Baptists, Independents, and other Christian communities."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Hongkong, Tuesday Evening.

There has been some little enquiry to-day for Bengal Drug, with immediate delivery for shipment to coast ports, about 60 to 70 chests having changed hands. New Patna at $630 and Benares at $641. Speculative sales of New Patna have also been made at $643 to $644. Some objectionable speculators also appeared in the market, endeavoring to place the drug at low figures, without however receiving the least encouragement from respectable merchants who prefer to pay a higher price than have anything to do with these individuals. It is said that a large portion of drug that has come on from the third sale is under high limits, $670 to $680 per chest. The feeling of the market, however, for the present, does not lead to hope for such expectations, and unless a good native demand makes its appearance the prospects are but poor for a rising market. The out turn of the crop for 1869 is estimated at about 28,000 chests Patna, and 18,000 chests Benares. A good business has been done in Malwa at $575 to foreigners, and $590 to the natives; reported sales to the amount of about 125 chests, holders are firm at above rates.

Business has been exceedingly dull to-day, as is generally the case on mail day. We hear of one or two sales of Piece Goods, and a small sale of 2,581 Cotton Yarn at $138. There has been nothing doing in Shares, and at the close of business Sterling Exchange was 4/3½, and the Banks declaring themselves no longer drawers at previous rates, little business, however, was done at this. The *Great Republic*, with San Francisco dates to the 6th ultimo, is fully due to-morrow.

The following fortnightly review of the markets is from the "*Overland Trade Report*" of this date:—

Exchange.—A further advance of one per cent took place in sterling Exchange immediately after the departure of last mail, which has since been fully maintained. The amount of business has been fair, and the general condition of the market, partly from the reasons noted above. The market is much the same as last quoted, but holders are more disposed to meet the market, in this article should any business make its appearance on account of the very large stocks now in hand and which are no doubt quite beyond any fair estimate of the probable demand. A small amount of Bombay Tael has been placed at 4/1 to 93 for 10-24, but Water Weight has commanded an average of 4/11⅞ per tael for this article, and since the departure of the last mail which has been done to any extent. Sales amount to 830 taels, say 405 taels No. 16 to 24/92 of which were Bombay at 4/07½ to 12⅛, 95 taels No. 23 to 32 at 4/37 to 4/42, and 50 taels 38 to 43 at 4/40 to 4/43.

Metals—Lower and arrivals and at $8.09 the market has not only been stayed, but several lots placed at the same rate to arrive. Iron of all kinds has been in demand and steady, but little business manifested itself for Tin Plates. Transactions embrace 6,720 pieces *Bell-Red Iron* at $2.75 to 2.95, 6,300 pieces *Sun-Iron* at $2.85 to $3.05, 3,000 pieces *Hoops* at $3.44, 450 Tube *Steel* at $5.85, 990 boxes *Tin Plates* at $7.00 to 7.10 and 4,032 *Ingot Steel* at $7.95 to 8.05.

Opium.—The past fortnight has not been characterized by any activity, the Chinese demand continuing throughout very moderate, and though Bengal Opium has suffered a considerable decline, Malwa has advanced 16 a. fair extent owing partly to the paucity of new drug, and partly to the finances displayed by holders. The imports since the last report consist of about 1,500 chests of Malwa by the steamers *Benares* and *China*, and of 2,500 chests of Bengal by the *Isaac Alpha*, which arrived on the evening of the seventeenth instant. Exports and clearances during the same period consist of about 1,000 chests of *Malwa*, and 1,500 of Bengal, leaving the following quantities in stock:

	Patna.	Benares.
1867	2,000	1,200
1868	1,500	1,000

Patna.—With a moderate demand on the part of the Chinese dealers, and the season taken by panic speculators, rates ruled extremely dull throughout until the day before yesterday, when on the arrival of the *Chusan Alpha*, a further decline took place, and the market closes nearly at $645 to 647 for new, and $650 for old.

Benares.—Both *Gold* and *Ben* have been dull of sale, and the market has taken a downward tendency closing almost nominally at $660, and $645 respectively.

Malwa.—A better feeling has prevailed during the fortnight under review, and the refusal of holders to submit to any further sacrifice, has caused an improvement in rates, but the general state of the market can scarcely be said to be satisfactory. Really good drug may be quoted at present at $660.

Persian.—No transaction.

Cotton.—A very limited business only has been transacted since date of the last despatch. An advance of about $1 per *picul* has been established for China staples, Indian finds remain firm at last quotations. To-day rates are:—Shanghai $20.50 per picul. Ningpo $20.00 to 22.50 per picul. Chemkin $21.00 to 21.50 per picul. Bombay $17.00 to 19.50 per picul. Bengal $16.00 to 16.50 per picul. Sales for the fortnight 6 000 bales.

Straits Produce.—*Rattans.*—Straits, per picul $2.50 to 4.00. Singlas, per picul $3.00 to 3.50. *Pepper.* White, per picul $11.00. Black, per picul $6.30. *Betel Nut*, per picul $2.40 to 3. *Sandal Wood*, Malabar, per picul $12.50. South Seas, per picul $7.50. *Tapan Wood*, Manila, per picul $1.20 to 1.30. Siam, per picul $1.60 to 1.70. *Manjistee Bark*, per picul $1.30.

The only transhipments from 7th ultimo are *Fortune* and 1,600 of *Supra Wood*.

Rice.—Since the issue of last report the business done in this grant has been very limited, and the market for most part with but little demand. Cargoes keep arriving daily from Saigon and Bangkok, and notwithstanding prices have undergone a large decline, freights have also risen, those fronts having no corresponding effect upon prices here. Transactions during the fortnight, amount to only 32,000 piculs, 24,000 Siam and 8,000 piculs Saigon Rice. Several of the large cargoes arrived from Saigon have all been stored. To-day's quotations are:—

Bengal	$1.50 to $1.70 per picul
Siam common	1.40 to 1.45 "
" fair	1.55 to 1.60 "
" good	1.60 to 2.00 "
Saigon	1.50 to 1.60 "
Manilla finds	1.45 to 1.60 "
Rangoon	1.40 to 1.45 "
Arracan	1.35 to 1.40 "

Coals.—There has only been one vessel arrived with Coals since last advices, viz. the *Henrietta* from Newcastle N.S.W. with 259 Tons for Commerce. A sale of 900 Tons Sydney is reported at $12 to 12.50 per ton. Welsh as also Japan there have been no transactions and quotations are unaltered.

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Extracts.

The Disaster at Naples.

(From the "Times" Correspondent.)

NAPLES, Feb. 12

Yesterday I was present at one of the revelations of the fearful tragedy in Santa Lucia. The labourers were clearing away the *debris* in front of the castle entrance when a human hand was seen protruding through the sand, and that it was that of a woman was evident from the rings, 14 of which were immediately taken off and consigned to the safe keeping of a guard of Public Security. Mingled with the sand in which she lay imbedded were fragments of clothes, furniture and painted floor tiles, while above were large masses of mason work which threatened to fall. How to remove the body, therefore, without a disaster or without dissevering the limbs was a great difficulty. Poles were brought to shore up the superincumbent mass, while the excavations were carried on with great precaution. Indeed, it was pleasing to observe the sympathy which possessed the throng of soldiers, Guards and Engineers, who crowded around, and the gentleness with which the *chef* Cavaliere Alvino, gave his orders of "*Caritatevolmente*," he repeatedly cried, "don't use picks; work with your hands, and spare the poor creature," an order which was religiously obeyed. Gradually the whole of the shattered form was brought out to view—first a leg, then the body, then a hand from which ten other rings were taken, making 24 in all, and then the head, so as one could conclude from the form, but of which no one feature was distinguishable. The manner in which she lay, or rather sat, one leg stretched forwards, and the other far behind her, told the melancholy story. She must have been running—and with what fearful impetuosity!—when a mountain of sand and rock and ruins of houses fell upon her, and crushed her down, dislocating her lower limbs, and stretching her out in that unnatural position. However much her death must have been instantaneous, and this is the only consolation which remained for the survivors. As no body can be removed in this country before it has been examined by the Judge of the Quarter, some little time was lost before his arrival, and not a little apprehension was felt in a neighbourhood where typhus has prevailed sometime lest the offensive odour from the body might be productive of bad consequences. Fires were therefore lighted, and pitch torches burnt, while the body was deposited in a coffin, a supply of which is kept on the spot, ready to be transferred to the hearse which has been in constant waiting for many days and nights. Such was the end of the poor young bride whom her husband had but recently brought to his father's home! The body of her mother-in-law was found at some little distance from her, and the trunk of Spampani was carried on between them, so as just to miss both. It is only now that the workmen have been able to remove the debris from the streets. In the closing of the tunnel every effort was directed to shoring up the mountain and removing the barracks from the summit. This has been nearly effected, the interior is gutted, and the outer walls are being taken down, while below giant pilasters are erected in the street, and the works and scaffolding support other parts. The less of life, I trust, has been exaggerated, though the remember of the dead cannot, of course, be known yet, but the wreck of property presents a fearful spectacle such as is rarely witnessed. One house was coincidentally preserved which had been lately alienated, and a reactionary journal in singularly bad taste and worse feeling, intimates that it was by a kind of judgment of God that it was discovered. This misfortune, as may be readily imagined when the geological form of the ground on which the city stands and other circumstances are considered, has created a great panic. Half the population consider their own houses in danger, and many, doubtless, are so. The soil is altogether volcanic, being formed of a very friable tufo, and most of the buildings are composed of this material, which is cut from every available point. At the back of one of the ruined houses an engineer informed me the proprietor had cut into the mountain to the depth of 40 feet, thus adding so many more rabbit holes to his property, and, of course, weakening the soil. The famous tunnel of General Nunziante, one of which this latest event of the Bourbons, soon after their antecedent, cut the materials with which he built the magnificent palaces in the Strada della Pace, is another instance of the same kind. On one occasion the top of the tunnel fell in and a number of carriages were precipitated below. On the Strada Vittorio Emmanuel new houses have been lately erected against the lofty cliff perpendicularly, or even into the rock which hangs above them. These, here and in many parts of the city, through the negligence of the authorities or the avarice of proprietors, future disasters like that of Santa Lucia have been prepared. Indeed, any one who walks through the byways as well as the highways of Naples will see many proofs of the necessity of caution in a city which is always more or less subject to volcanic action. Many of the houses are in a weak, an unclean, and a new fissures have been discovered in buildings hitherto considered safe. The barracks of San Polito have within the last fortnight been examined *de novissimo*, and the troops removed from them. The staircase of the "College of the Nobles" measures a full, and the mass of dismantled buildings opposite the Museum, which has been hitherto partly inhabited, has been vacated by superior orders in consequence of recent fissures. So is it with many other buildings as has been confirmed to me by the Syndic of one of our principal quarters, who has received complaints of the state of his own property. In short, without our being conscious of it, there is always a greater or less amount of volcanic action going on in Naples, the under parts of which, for a considerable space, has been hollowed out to procure the material with which its palaces are built. It is no exaggeration to state—and I do so on the authority of the *Assenteri*, one of our most respectable journals—that almost every one of the 1,000 degrees of earthquake, some undulating, others *essultorio*, are registered by the sismograph, and at times three or four in the 24 hours. These slight shocks, frequent and almost continual, evince on buildings and on the masses of sand which stand behind them a powerful destructive action.

A amateur Detective.

(From Ds "Full Mall Gazette.")

Few things can be better calculated to justify a low estimate of a considerable section of modern journalism than the controversy which has been carried on so widely about the disappearance of Mr. Speke. All that is to be said on the subject may be put into a single line. Mr Speke has disappeared without leaving grounds behind him for a plausible conjecture as to the cause of his disappearance. This is the net result of what has been said upon the subject, and it is a result which one would suppose would become apparent to the most ordinary observer upon the most careful examination of the facts. The mystery may of course be cleared up by almost any trifle. A very small fact, such for instance, as the discovery of a knife, may lead from one thing to another till it results in a complete explanation, but many of the writers to whom we refer appear to be under the impression that mere guessing—the accumulation of suggestions for which there is no evidence whatever—will tend to an elucidation of the subject. We do not believe that anything of importance has been or ever will be discovered in this manner, except, indeed, in a class of novels about detectives, which we hope are going a little out of fashion. The public ought to feel that they have nothing to say upon the subject which can be of any sort of importance, and to leave it in the hands of the police and of the persons immediately connected with and interested in Mr. Speke himself. If they ever discover anything about the missing man, it will be by stumbling upon some sort of evidence in relation to him, and not by making bricks without straw in the shape of conjectures for which there is no evidence. Mr. Speke's disappearance is simply an illustration of the truth that there are millions of facts taking place all round us as to which the public at large must be content to remain in ignorance, unless what for fault of a better name must be called chance should supply them with some account of them. In this class there are included events of every possible kind, from the most trivial up to the most startling. Can any one tell, for instance, or hope to find out after he has once forgotten it, what was the reason of a great part of his own conduct? What author, for instance, has not had occasion to say, "Where in the world did I get that expression?" What can have been my authority for such and such a statement?" We could refer to a case in which the whole internal economy of a public body was disturbed by a problem of this sort. A certain assertion had been publicly made in a particular form, which exposed the person who made it to considerable criticism. He had been supplied with the information by a subordinate, who had no sort of interest in the shape which the statement took, but who had utterly forgotten, and with all his efforts was never able to discover, the reason why he had put his information in one form rather than another. What does not know the difficulty of finding an authority if he has one let it slip? What becomes of all the articles which a man loses in the course of his life? A man keeps a pair of, say, gloves for twenty years. They suddenly disappear. Theft is out of the question. Loss seems very improbable, but the razors never come back.

It is the same in more serious matters. Every man who dies carries to his grave innumerable secrets, which his death converts at once and forever into insoluble mysteries. Events of all sorts are to the last degree fugitive. If you do not seize the right moment for recording and perpetuating the evidence on which all subsequent knowledge of them depends, it will be lost for ever, no efforts will be able to recover it, and guessing will throw no sort of light upon it. Mr. Speke's disappearance is only one instance of this state of things, and we may observe that it is by no means so rare for such catastrophes to remain enveloped in impenetrable mystery as the surprise expressed upon the occasion would appear to imply. The list of undiscovered crimes of all sorts is a fearfully long one. Probably not a quarter of the crimes committed are detected and brought to justice. Notwithstanding old and perhaps salutary prejudices to the contrary, murder forms no exception to this. Any one who has been accustomed to observe such matters would be able to supply a long list of murders, the authors of which have escaped with complete impunity even from suspicion. In many more cases persons who may or may not have been guilty have been tried and acquitted for them, and there are, doubtless, very many instances in which the commission of the offence has never been suspected. Many trials for poisoning have taken place as much as two or three years after the death of the person poisoned, and if crimes by some remote chance were at last discovered after the lapse of so great a length of time, it is natural to suppose that many others were never suspected at all.

All this of course applies no reason why doubt and mystery should relax or be discouraged in their search after Mr. Speke. Industry and sagacity have found out a great many things, and may find out that amongst the rest, but it is a reason why people should not guess about it, and that in a manner which must often be extremely offensive to Mr. Speke's family. Those who are sensitive had do so should ask themselves whether in any common case, for instance if they had lost a penknife, guesses would contribute much to finding it. They would be more impertinent and not more a nuisance than not to a man who was looking for it. Imagine, for instance, the construction of the elaborate arguments by which probably the knife had been left in the pocket of a dress waistcoat. The answer no doubt would be of course, I went and looked there at once, and it is not there. The elaborate argument published in the *Spectator* to show the probability that Mr. Speke had been murdered is for practical purposes about as useful as this. Nobody could possibly fail to suspect that such was the case from the very first moment of his disappearance. This simile seems to us to afford the best possible illustration of the way of treating the subject to which we object. It was full of references to French detectives, French judges, and *actes Facesuchen*, as if they were the repositories of some sort of hidden science which would enable them to unravel and get at the heart of such a mystery as the disappearance of Mr. Speke, with a precision unknown to our dull English minds. The writer, it is true, maintained that in this particular case even French detectives and French judges would be at fault, but the whole tone of his article countenanced the supposition that this was due to the extraordinary character of the event, and that in common cases they would be less at a loss than Englishmen. We do not by any means believe this. It is perfectly true that a French jury are usually satisfied with a much lower standard of proof than English juries, and it is also true that the power which French procedure gives to judges, public prosecutors, and committing magistrates of interrogating the accused at any length, upon any subject, and as often as they please, frequently enables them to bring facts to light which would escape notice in England; but these facts do not even tend to show that French courts come to right conclusions oftener than English ones, and they have no relations at all to the first step, the arrest of the suspected person. Till you have got a man in gaol you cannot interrogate him, and we do not believe that the French police are in any material degree more acute than English people in the management of this first step, which, after all, is the *pons aut unsis*. The detection of a secret crime is almost always due to accident or treachery, not to quasi-scientific reflections on the part of acute detectives combining the facts according to the rules laid down by Edgar Poe and Miss Braddon. A striking instance of this occurred a few years ago at Lyons, in the case of a peculiarly horrible murder called the "Affaire de St. Cyr." In that case the person who afterwards turned out to be guilty was actually arrested upon suspicion, and afterwards released for want of evidence. His discovery at last was due to the fact that he was found dealing with part of the property of the person murdered.

Fire-flashing and the shopkeepers.

The Shopocracy is weaker than we should have supposed. Two years ago the retail tradesmen were the ultimate ruling force of Great Britain, possessed a clear majority in that section of the Electoral which returned a majority of the House of Commons, the ruling Committee of the Empire. Mr. Disraeli determined to take away their privilege, a privilege worth we cannot venture to say how many millions a year, and he took it away, without the slightest resistance, without, indeed, an appearance of resistance from the shopkeepers. Two years ago the electoral which returned a majority of the House of Commons, the ruling Committee of the Empire. Mr. Disraeli determined to take away their privilege, a privilege worth we cannot venture to say how many millions a year, and he took it away, without the slightest resistance, without, indeed, an appearance of resistance from the shopkeepers. Two years ago the shopkeepers were the real masters of the Empire, and they had but to say the word and Mr. Disraeli would be their footman. Now they are the most miserable of slaves. They have not even the courage to grumble. Their master has but to crack his whip and they jump through the hoop. Their master, of course, is the British Public, and the Corpora of each shop is the Customer. Mr. Disraeli has only to say the word and the Customer will go to the Co-operative Store, or to the Civil Service Store, or to the Army and Navy Store, or to the Universal Provider, or to the Stores of the Metropolitan Railway, or to the Stores of the Great Northern Railway, or to the Stores of the Great Western Railway, or to the Stores of the London and North Western Railway, or to the Stores of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway, or to the Stores of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, or to the Stores of the South Eastern Railway, or to the Stores of the London and South Western Railway, or to the Stores of the Great Eastern Railway, or to the Stores of the Midland Railway, or to the Stores of the North London Railway